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John Fetzer and Reincarnation (April 21, 2011)

The notion of John pursuing the Fetzer Mission with, and then turning it over to, persons who had reincarnated with him together through multiple past lives has become part of important Fetzer Tradition in the Memorial Trust. And so it is of interest for us working on the John Fetzer Archives Project to pursue documenting the fact that, indeed, reincarnation, and particularly group reincarnation, was something that John was familiar with and believed.

Here are things of interest that are from our recent research and interviews.

(1) John Fetzer, 1984, in an interview with Kaye Averitt (a Foundation Employee who was interviewing John in the early 1980s for a later-cancelled biography):

Q: Were we together before?

John Fetzer: Yes. We've been associated innumerable times before. When you understand the principles of reincarnation, all of your groupies come back, they all find each other in life after life. They all come back about the same time, and fulfill different capacities each time they come back. Just as it did with Lynn (Carolyn Dailey), with you and innumerable people around me. We've all been associated before.

(2) Jim Gordon, in a 1983 Tucson AZ channeling to John and others (perhaps the Core Group of Lloyd Swierenga, Chuck Spence, Carolyn Dailey, Bruce Fetzer) said:

... the Fetzer Group—the Foundation group that we have been working with ... Since we all come back so often together, do we all owe each other? Or can we better function together doing what we have come to do? Okay, some of us owe certain things karmically, either good or bad. Some of us come back in a sense of neutral state together, just to be of service together, because we realize that in harmony as a group we have more energy than maybe just one soul—and so we come back several times in group efforts to accomplish a purpose. But we also do have some karma to work out, and that's why we're back as well. But the main force that brings us back again and again in such rapid incarnations, rather than awaiting times in the astral or mental level, is that we have this soul drive of service, of giving, of doing for humanity. So we'll come back much more rapidly because of that push for service, for the fulfillment of that service and the goals that we have set.

(3) As far as John's past lives specifically, in Jim Gordon's various early-80s channelings and interviews, it is stated specifically that John had been: Louis XIV, St. John of the Cross, Joseph of Arimathea, Thomas Jefferson, King Francis I of France (who, by the way, housed Leonardo da Vinci in a next-door castle in the South of France in Leonardo's later years, which is how the Mona Lisa got to France—da Vinci brought it with him). All of these figures (except da Vinci) were represented in the Hall of Records. Jim also told a story where he said: "Alexander the Great is the one who came in and took over, or fought with, the Pharaoh of Egypt, and John at that time was the Pharaoh." In another interview, Jim stated, referring to John and Carolyn Dailey as being together "... during Atlantis, which at that point was more a family type situation ...".

(4) Judy Skutch-Whitson, in an interview on March 30, 2011, regarding John in the 1970s, said,

I think that John and I shared this particular part, of an interest in reincarnation. I was very close to Dr. Ian Stephenson, and Dr. Ian Stephenson was at the University of Virginia. His credentials were impeccable ... he was the head of the department of psychiatry at the University. And John had read his book, *Twenty Cases Suggestive of Reincarnation*. It was interesting about Ian Stephenson for John, because I think he liked the idea that he knew how difficult funding was in this field. I mean ... he was intrigued with the fact that Ian Stephenson was supported by Chester Carlson who was inventor of the Xerox machine ...

Q: Did John ever speak of the notion of a group of people that were reincarnating together over and over?

Skutch-Whitson: Yes, in fact not only did we speak about that, but we had a three-day session when he first met Willis Harman. Willis Harman was one of the people I brought to Chicago to meet with John and ... John recognized Willis Harman as a brother from the American Revolutionary days. And I had been going to Washington on a few different visits with Willis Harman, and once he asked me to go to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with him at midnight ... and he just told me, with tears streaming down his face, that he has always known that he was supposed to do something for the country, that he had come back and been with—and he felt that I was one of them—a group of people who he had been with before, and that this was the time to see what we could do to help our country. And ... Willis told John about that, and John agreed.

I do know that he [John] said a few times that he didn't want to come back and knew that, and he had said that to me—and I agreed with him.

(5) Carolyn Dailey, in an interview on March 21, 2011, said,

He [John] had believed that he and I had been in a previous life together. I think he thought it was Egypt. I mean he didn't give me specifics, but then he would ... just gave you little tidbits, so then you can kind of open your mind a little bit more to the possibility, that kind of idea. But I know that he felt that there was an Egypt connection, especially with a lot of the people in our group, our Monday night group.